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Die Like a Rat.
The Empress of China has arrived at Victoria with oriental advisers to Aug. 10. By floods in a prefecture of Japan over one hundred houses were destroyed and five or six lives lost in the Nishina district. All bridges on the Oshima Railway line in Higashi-Kubiki district were broken down by floods, and the roads also damaged in many places. Over forty houses and twenty go-downs were swept away by the water, and twenty-four lives lost in the village of Matsuzaki, Sado district. By the swelling of the Agano River, 1,200 houses in Sanjo Machi and 700 houses in the village of Ichikido were submerged. At Izumikuni one shrine, two go-downs, four temples and half a score of dwellings were crushed by landslides from the mountains, and five lives lost and ten persons severely wounded. A dispatch from Naoetsu says that the houses flooded numbered 1,000, and the killed and wounded 300, while 600 persons were saved from drowning.

THREATENED WITH FAMINE.

Plight of Klondike Miners—Yukon Very Low for Navigation.
News received in letters to the Alaska Commercial Company that famine is almost certain on the Klondike next fall, receives confirmation from Mr. Goodhue, a newspaper correspondent at St. Michael. He states that the Yukon is unusually low and that the chances of getting enough food to Dawson to support those now there and those flocking in are slender. A letter has been received in Vancouver from Henry Behson, who left for the Yukon via Skagway with a well-equipped party in July. The party consisted of eight, but one grew faint-hearted under the hardships and returned. They had reached the summit Aug. 22 and expected to arrive on Stewart river before winter sets in. Dead horses are reported along the trail and at one spot, where their party lost one horse through falling over a precipice, six horses were killed the same day. Two men were caught stealing and were shot. Large numbers of people are turning back and outfits can be purchased cheaply. Ex-Sergeant Haywood of the Vancouver police force, who went up to Dawson City in the spring, says in a letter that "if only enough wheat will become of the crops now heading this way." At the time of his writing provisions were scarce in Dawson, but a steamer was expected daily.

NAMED IN STUDENTS' "RUE."

University of California Freshman Sustains Serious Injuries.
There will be no more "rushes" at the University of California, if President Kellogg's latest mandate is obeyed. Half-dressed, his jaw broken, his face a bleeding mass, Benjamin Kuriz, a newly entered freshman, was found wandering about the campus Monday night after the rush between the two lower classes. In the struggle some one put his heel on Kuriz's face, and as a result he is disfigured for life and may have sustained an injury of the brain. There were two other serious casualties. Frank Marshall, freshman, had his right leg broken just above the ankle. Condon, another freshman, also came out of the combat with a broken leg.

KLONDIKE GOLD IS POOR.

Assay of Two Specimens in New York Do Not Pan High.
Two lots of gold from the Klondike have been assayed at the New York assay office in Wall street, one lot weighing 44.45 ounces assaying 740 per cent fine gold and 240 per cent silver, which made the value \$15.48 an ounce. The other lot, which weighed 10.16 ounces, assayed 820 1/2 fine gold and 174 silver, making the value \$16.35 an ounce. Supt. Mason said this Klondike gold was poor stuff. Ordinary California gold assays \$50 to \$17.57 an ounce. The finest gold comes from Madagascar, American houses trading with Madagascar take their pay in crude gold.

CLAIMS SKAGWAY IS HIS.

Bernard Moore Says He Pre-empted It Ten Years Ago.
A special from Victoria contains a signed statement from Bernard Moore, who claims the territory of Skagway. He says that ten years ago he made application for 100 acres of land as applied to Alaska, made a legal survey and paid in the requisite \$400 to the proper officials. He had just begun to stock the place for a day when the gold rush began and now thousands of citizens of Skagway are claiming the land he paid the government for.

Athletes of the Moment.

Following is the standing of the clubs of the National Baseball League:

W. L.	W. L.
Baltimore . . . 73	32 Philadelphia . . . 49
Boston . . . 75	34 Brooklyn . . . 47
New York . . . 67	38 Pittsburgh . . . 40
Cincinnati . . . 62	43 Washington . . . 30
Cleveland . . . 54	51 Louisville . . . 28
Chicago . . . 50	50 St. Louis . . . 27

The showing of the members of the Western League is summarized below:

W. L.	W. L.
Indianapolis . . . 20	29 Detroit . . . 60
Columbus . . . 71	41 Minneapolis . . . 40
St. Paul . . . 73	43 Grand Rapids . . . 34
Milwaukee . . . 68	48 Kansas City . . . 35

Teamsters at Skagway.

Leroy Tozier, writing from Skagway, says: "As a blockade is on and with those now here and coming 5,000 people will be compelled to remain here until spring or return home. Some have horses and wagons, and such are making from \$50 to \$100 a day."

Toronto Fair Opened.

The great Victorian Era Exposition and Industrial Fair was formally opened at Toronto with imposing exercises, participated in by representatives of the province and municipality.

Boom in Hog Market.

A boom is under way in the Kansas City hog market. Friday's prices were the highest reached within nearly two years, going up 10 cents to 15 cents a hundred weight, on top of a similar advance Thursday. Prices advanced 7 cents since Aug. 1, and near a dollar higher than in the middle of July.

Queen in Danger.

The Spanish monarch has learned that at an anarchistic meeting in London it was resolved to revenge the execution of Angiolillo, the assassin of Canovas del Castillo, by an attempt upon the life of the queen regent of Spain.

SHE HELPED ROB A BANK.

Capture of Cora Hubbard, the Girl Member of the Dalton Gang.
Cora Hubbard, alias "The Kid," is the newest of new women. She was one of the most active participants in the bank robbery at Pineville, Mo., last Tuesday, and when finally captured was even calmer than the officers who had her in charge. Though only 25 years of age, Cora has a record as a "bad man." She was a member of the notorious Dalton gang, with whom she rode in male attire, and after her arrest a revolver was found in her possession inscribed with the name of Bob Dalton. How many men she has killed in her career or how many raids she has made is at Weir City, Kan. She rides with her parents, who are well aware of the lawless life she has been leading. Cora was captured Saturday at her father's home. Her brother, Bill Hubbard, who planned the raid on the bank, was also taken into custody, and they were at once hurried to Pineville. A warrant secured \$500.25, but of this amount \$124.50 was lost by the officers. Their flight has been recovered. Immediately after the raid a posse of citizens organized and followed in swift pursuit. Cora Hubbard's horse was shot from under her, but she managed to escape. White Tension, another robber, was desperately wounded after being seized as far as Southwest City, I. T., and it was he who gave the names of his accomplices. On the day of the raid Cora was dressed as a cowboy. She held the horses while the other robbers looted the bank, and in the subsequent chase she took an active part in the shooting. Cora Hubbard and Tension admit their guilt.

KILLED BY FALLING WALLS.

Two Pittsburgh Firemen Meet Death Under Mass of Debris.
Fire at Pittsburgh caused the loss of \$105,000 worth of property, injury to two firemen and created a panic in the Seventh Avenue Hotel. Flames were discovered in the five-story building at 337 Smithfield street, occupied by Edmundson & Perline's furniture establishment. They gained such rapid headway that the building was a mass of flames before the engines reached the scene. In a short time the building was entirely destroyed. The fire originated from the explosion of a gas engine in the cellar. The gas was from a T shape, running back from its Smithfield street front to a ten-foot alley in the rear, separating it from the Seventh Avenue Hotel, the extensions extending to Seventh avenue and Strawberry alley. The guests of the hotel, numbering 30, were nearly all at supper at the time the flames were seen pouring from the rear windows of Edmundson & Perline's building. A small-sized panic ensued, and a grand rush was made for the exits. A portion of the rear wall of the furniture store fell into the alley, catching the firemen, one of whom—John Neelan—was badly hurt, but not seriously. After the fire had been subdued and the firemen were taking up their hose, the Strawberry alley wall of the Edmundson & Perline building fell, burying under the debris two firemen, Zeigler and Harry Holt. Two boys who were watching the firemen work were also struck by the wall.

ELECTRIC CAR KILLS A BABY.

Fifteen-Month-Old Boy Thrown from His Crib.
At Berwyn, Ill., a Cleoro and Proviso electric car struck a baby carriage in which 15-month-old John Young was being wheeled by his nurse. By the force of the shock the child was thrown from the carriage far to the front of the car, and before the speed of the latter could be checked the wheels passed over the infant, completely severing the right foot and three toes of the left foot. The child died.

Accused of Murder.

The steamer Portland, from St. Michael's, had on board an alleged murderer who was chased by detectives half way around the world. He was in charge of two Pinkerton detectives. The prisoner, Frank A. Novak, was pursued over the continent to Japan, to Dyra and across the Chilkoot Pass, over the lakes and down the rivers to the gold fields of Klondike, where he was taken into custody. Novak was a storekeeper in a small town near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, up to several months ago. One night the store was burned and in the ruins was found the charred body of a man. Novak's relatives claimed that he was burned to death in the fire. His life was insured for \$35,000 and a demand was made for the money. A investigation led to the belief that the body was not that of Novak, but of a watchman. The theory was at once advanced that Novak had committed murder and burned his store in the hope that the body would be roasted beyond recognition and his relatives obtain the insurance money after he had disappeared. Pinkerton men were put on the trail and after one of the longest chases on record arrested Novak at Dawson City July 12, where he was living in the guise of a musician bearing the name of William A. Smith.

Uncle Sam's Miz Haul.

One of the heaviest penalties ever exacted from a commercial house by Uncle Sam for violation of the tariff laws has been imposed upon the firm of A. W. Faber, the leading pencil manufacturers, whose works are in Germany and whose New York offices are at 78 Reade street. For twenty years the firm has been importing goods at the same valuation. Recently the treasury agents began an investigation which resulted in the decision that for twenty years A. W. Faber's pencils had been coming into this country at prices much lower than the real value. The firm was accordingly fined \$30,000. The greater part of this sum was paid into the treasury last week. The firm of A. W. Faber is a German concern and one of the largest and wealthiest in the world. It owns and controls valuable graphite mines in Siberia and has branch houses in every big city on the globe. The principal factory is at Stein, near Nuremberg in Bavaria, and the main office is in Berlin. It was the invoices sent with some recent shipments from Berlin that excited the suspicions of the customs officials.

Negroes to Protest.

The negroes of prominence all over the United States are making preparations to hold a mammoth convention in Atlanta in October to protest against lynching. Bishop Grant leads the movement and will condemn lynching as strongly in New York as in Georgia. Many famous negroes throughout the country have signified their intention of attending.

Roof for Jap Soldiers.

The Armour Packing Company at Kansas City is filling an order this week for forty cars of mess beef for shipment to Japan, for use by the Japanese army and navy. The shipment is perhaps the largest since the brief order ever filled by a Kansas City house. It consists of 3,000 tierces of 350 pounds each, in all about 1,250,000 pounds.

Control Khyber Pass.

Port Louis Katul, situated at the extreme end of the Khyber Pass and garrisoned by 300 men of the Kyber Rifles, was attacked and burned by the Afridis. The famous Khyber Pass, leading from Afghanistan into India, has now fallen into the hands of the Afridis.

Savings of \$1,000 Secured.

Three robbers tortured Louis Simons, a Chicago milk dealer, Sunday night until he revealed the hiding-place of his lifetime

savings of \$1,000. After securing the money the men forced a napkin down the unfortunate Simons' throat, then bound his hands and feet, and rolled him into a closet in his kitchen. Simons, who occupied the house alone—his wife is in the East visiting relatives—was asleep when the robbers entered his house. The first intimation he had that there was anybody in the room was the clasp of strong fingers about his throat and the weight of a man sitting astride his breast. He was admonished to keep still on pain of death by one of the men, who drew the sharp edge of a knife across his throat. While one of the men held Simons the other two looked for a rope. In a closet in the kitchen they found his wife's clothesline, and with it bound Simons' feet together and his hands behind his back. They then dragged him into the kitchen, where he was asked to reveal the hiding place of his money. Simons said he had no money, and one of the men suggested that they burn the soles of his feet until he was willing to tell where he had his savings hidden. Lighted matches were held to the bare soles of the bound man's feet until he was willing to tell where he had his savings hidden. Falling over by the means to secure information as to the hiding place of the money the men told Simons they would kill him. One placed a revolver at his ear and another touched his throat with the point of a knife, and told him they would give him two minutes to tell the location of his money. Simons weakened at this and told the men of money in the drawer of a washstand in a small paper box and in a shaving mug. As they were leaving the house one of the men rolled Simons into a closet, and, taking a table knife, forced the gag further down his throat.

CARS TO RUN ON ICE.

Plan for Transportation on the Yukon This Winter.

An effort will be made this winter to navigate the Yukon river when it is frozen. With this end in view the Klondike Transportation Express and Commercial Company has organized under the laws of West Virginia. The company intends to establish a line of cars on runners over the ice fields to the lakes forming the head of the stream. It has also a plan to run elevated cable railroads over the dangerous passes from Dyra and other points to connect with the head of the lakes.

Cleaning the White House.

Everything about the White House is being refitted and polished and brightened for the homecoming of the chief magistrate and his wife about Oct. 1. Neither floors, walls nor ceilings have been overhauled in the general housecleaning which was inaugurated a few hours after the presidential party started for Lake Champlain, and all the indications point to a pleasant and agreeable mansion for the ensuing winter.

Shoots Two Regulars.

A. C. Friedley and T. M. McDonald, musicians in the Seventeenth Regiment, U. S. A., band, were mysteriously shot while on board a train en route from Steubenville to their post at Columbus, Albert H. Gould, one of the naval reserves of Toledo, admitted the shooting and is under arrest. He claims to have used shells loaded with small shot, supposing they were blanks.

Portland Reaches Port.

The long-looked-for Portland has arrived. The ship about which so many stories have been told since she left St. Michael reached Seattle Sunday morning. The Portland carried thirteen miners, and the total amount of gold dust on board is about \$575,000. The miners had brought only a small part of their stakes and the size of the Portland's cargo was disappointing.

France May Float a Loan.

The London Financial News says the French cabinet is considering the floating of a loan of £20,000,000 in 2 1/2 per cent bonds, partly for the redemption of the floating debt and partly for the reconstruction of the French navy.

Police Raid Kansas Saloons.

Ten saloons in Kansas City, Kan., were raided by the police and \$3,000 worth of liquor was seized and poured into the gutters. Saloon furniture and fixtures filling ten big dryers were seized and carted to police headquarters.

Italy Grows Warlike.

Italy has wired to Morocco threatening to dispatch a squadron to Tangier unless the crew of the Italian brig Fiducia is released. Moorish pirates recently attacked and plundered the Fiducia and detained the crew.

Attacked by Pirates.

The British steamer Hegu was attacked by pirates off the coast of Achenkakenen, the captain and many of the crew and passengers killed and the vessel looted.

Two Murderers Break Jail.

At Leadville, Colo., the Buchanan brothers, who murdered Deputy Sheriff Fahy about two months ago, locked the jailer in a cell and escaped.

Mutiny in Bedford Jail.

The prisoners confined in the county jail at Bedford, Ind., mutinied at an early hour Thursday morning and tried to set fire to the building.

Eight Hurt in a Storm.

Eight persons were injured in a violent wind and hail storm at Mount Repose, O.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 80c to 90c; corn, No. 2, 20c to 31c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 48c to 50c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 13c to 14c; new potatoes, 55c to 65c per bushel.
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, common to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 14c to 16c; corn, No. 2, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 48c to 50c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 13c to 14c; new potatoes, 55c to 65c per bushel.
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 12c to 13c; corn, No. 2, 18c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 48c to 50c.
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 14c to 16c; corn, No. 2, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 48c to 50c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 13c to 14c; new potatoes, 55c to 65c per bushel.
Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 11c to 12c; corn, No. 2, 18c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 48c to 50c.
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 92c to 93c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 31c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 48c to 50c; clover seed, \$4.20 to \$4.30.
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 3, 20c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 1, 48c to 50c; barley, No. 2, 40c to 45c; pork, mess, \$8.50 to \$9.00.
Buffalo—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 90c to 97c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c.
New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.50 to \$5.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 97c to 100c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c; butter, creamery, 12c to 20c; eggs, Western, 10c to 18c.

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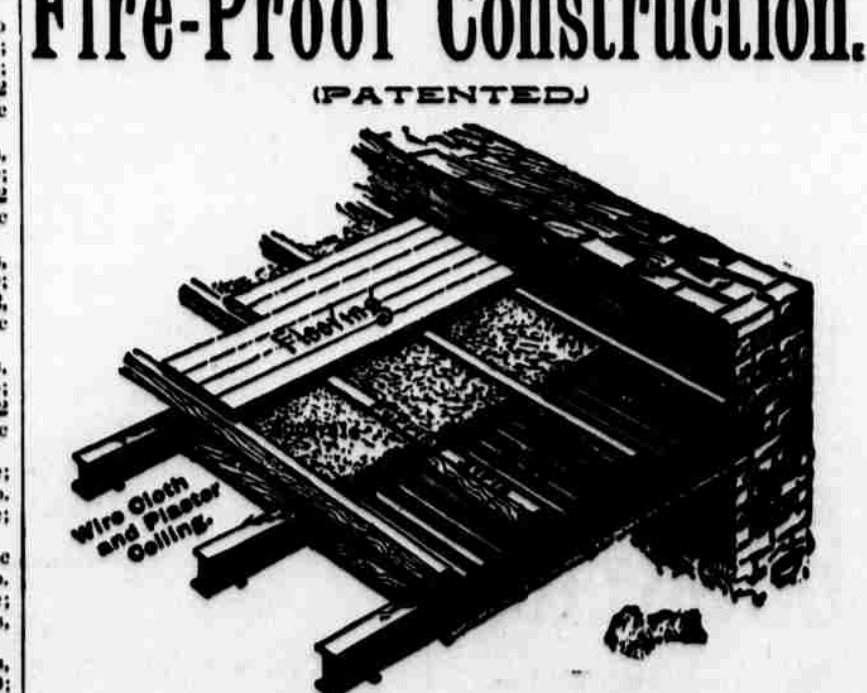
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